

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SECTION MEETING
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS, AND LAND SURVEYORS
MINUTES
June 8, 2010**

PRESENT: Joseph Eberle, Steven Hook, and Charles Kopplin

EXCUSED: Daniel Sheldon

STAFF PRESENT: John Lease, Acting Bureau Director; Yolanda McGowan, Legal Counsel; and Michelle Solem, Bureau Assistant

GUESTS: Fred Groth Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers (WSPE) and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

CALL TO ORDER

Charles Kopplin, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. A quorum of 3 members was present.

AGENDA

Amendments to the Agenda:

- Remove Ivar Vilcins from the agenda
- Include the following items within the administrative report
 - Live Meeting
 - Regulatory Digest

MOTION: Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (FEBRUARY 4, 2010)

MOTION: Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to approve the Minutes of February 4, 2010, as published. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

John Lease introduced himself as the acting bureau director for this meeting.

Department Updates

Mr. Lease provided an update related to the staffing changes that have occurred recently.

Live Meeting

Mr. Lease explained the live meeting process. The Board members expressed concerns over live meetings related to application review and the hearing portion of the meetings. Mr. Hook asked for a legal opinion related to public access to the computers that he would use to participate in live meeting or receive information from the department.

Regulatory Digests

Mr. Lease told the Board that the Department is moving forward with the electronic publishing of the regulatory digest. Mr. Kopplin asked that this Section be included in the next round of Boards/Sections publishing an electronic digest. Mr. Lease explained that this digest will be the mouthpiece by which the Section can “speak” to licensees. The first issue will include a letter from the Chair (or appointee), the Department Secretary, and the disciplinary actions. Mr. Eberle indicated that it might be worthwhile to send a postcard announcing the reintroduction of the regulatory digest so that licensees can adjust their “Inbox properties”

New Member Training

Mr. Lease indicated that there will be training for new members (any member that has not received the training) held on July 26 and the Board Chair/vice-chair and public member training will occur on December 2 & 3.

Mr. Eberle asked if new member training could be held via live meeting. Mr. Hook suggested that the public and professional members meet together during the training.

Membership

Mr. Sheldon, professional member, has moved out of state and is no longer participating in the meetings. We also have a vacant public member position. Mr. Kopplin noted that if one person is unable to attend, we do not have a quorum for the meeting. The Board suggested that the Governor consider appointing a Mechanical or Electrical Engineer to complete the makeup of the Board as a representative of the professions in which they practice. This topic was once again brought to light by a conflict for one of the members for the August meeting. This meeting will need rescheduling.

Case Advisor Policy

Mr. Lease provided a brief overview of the case advisor policy. Joseph Eberle noted that the case advisor training that he attended earlier this year was the best training that he has received.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS BY DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

LEGISLATIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

2009 Wisconsin Act 350

Charles Kopplin noted that AB-288 has become law. This will require rule and form changes. Jan Bobholz will draft a list of questions that the Section will need to answer related to the new law and changes and clarifications that need to be shared with the profession and applicants. There was some discussion related to applications received near that date of the change in policy because of the significant changes that could result in applications being returned to the

applicants and requiring the applicant to take a pathway other than the pathway submitted with their application. Mr. Eberle, Mr. Kopplin and Ms. McGowan will work together to answer the questions posed by Credentialing related to requirements for licensure and ability to sit for exams. Ms. McGowan asked for clarification related to the degree requirement and the Section decided that they will consider these applications on a case-by-case basis.

MOTION: Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steve Hook, to thank Martin Hanson for his work on this bill and protection it provides for the citizens of Wisconsin. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on Final Rule for Electronic Signatures –DOA

No update was available. Charles Kopplin asked that this item be included on the next agenda.

Discussion Regarding Proposed Rules for Continuing Education for Professional Engineers.

Mr. Fred Groth addressed the Board as representative of the ACT 47 Steering Committee of Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers (WSPE). He briefly reviewed the memo (attached to these minutes) sent to the Engineer Section related to the March 8, 2010 draft of Administrative Code Chapter A-E 13. Jill Remy and Nicole Wissbaum explained the audit procedure for continuing education.

Mr. Kopplin indicated that he and Ms. McGowan have been working on the rule. The most recent version was distributed to the Section. The Section discussed the draft version of the rule and asked Ms. McGowan to make changes to the draft. Mr. Kopplin asked that the Section receive a copy of the revised draft rule by July 5 in order that they will have time to review the rule prior to the next meeting that has been rescheduled to August 25, 2010.

CREDENTIALING

Appearance for a Class I Hearing – Aaron King

Aaron King appeared before the Section to provide additional information regarding the denial of his application for reinstatement of licensure as a professional engineer.

Appearance for a Class I Hearing – Nathan Waas

Nathan Waas appeared before the Section to provide additional information regarding the denial of his application for licensure as a professional engineer.

Appearance for a Class I Hearing – Ryan Baeten

Ryan Baeten appeared before the Section to provide additional information regarding the denial of his application for licensure as a professional engineer.

Appearance for a Class I Hearing – Edward M. Rodden II

Edward M. Rodden II appeared before the Section to provide additional information regarding the denial of his application for licensure as a professional engineer.

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION

Notice of Future Changes to NCEES Examinations and Supporting Materials

Bureau director will get the information on how the Department will handle the two-day portion of the principles and practice exam for structural engineering that begins in 2011. There were issues at the Milwaukee location for the principles and practice exam in April and the section would like a report on what the issues were and what will be done to prevent them in the future. It was requested that a representative of the Education and Exams Unit be present at the next Section meeting to address these two items.

PRACTICE ISSUES

NCEES and the Committee on Law Enforcement

The Section is interested in this occurring and Mr. Lease will refer this to the Department IT Task Force.

TRAVEL

The Annual NCEES meeting will occur on August 18-21, 2010, in Denver, CO.

MOTION: Steven Hook moved, seconded by Charles Kopplin, to nominate Joseph Eberle as the delegate to represent the Section at the NCEES Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, August 18-21, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to convene to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.; consider closing disciplinary investigation with administrative warning (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats. and 440.205, Stats., to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85 (1)(f), Stats.; and, to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats.) Motion carried by roll call vote: Joseph Eberle - yes, Steven Hook – yes; Charles Kopplin-yes.

Open Session recessed at 3:05 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to reconvene into Open Session at 3:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON
IN CLOSED SESSION, IF VOTING IS APPROPRIATE
ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS**

09 ENG 008

MOTION: Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to issue the administrative warning in the matter of 09 ENG 008. Motion carried unanimously.

DELIBERATION ON CLASS 1 HEARINGS

AARON M. KING

MOTION: Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to grant licensure to Aaron M. King. Motion carried unanimously.

NATHAN WAAS

MOTION: Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to grant licensure to Nathan Waas. Motion carried. Mr. Kopplin opposed.

RYAN BAETEN

MOTION: Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to grant Ryan Baeten's request for approval to sit for the Principles and Practices Exam. Motion carried unanimously.

EDWARD M. RODDEN II

MOTION: Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to affirm the denial for Edward M. Rodden II. Motion carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENTS

SOO-BEOM LEE

MOTION: Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to deny reinstatement of Soo-Beom Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

**TIMOTHY G HUNTER, GEORGE W GEANEY, MICHAEL G GARRETT,
MICHAEL F SKINNER AND DAVID JEROME HENRI**

MOTION: Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to grant reinstatement to Timothy G Hunter, George W Geaney, Michael G Garrett, Michael F Skinner and David Jerome Henri. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Steven Hook moved, seconded by Joseph Eberle, to act on the applications reviewed for today's meeting as reviewed and signed in the application files. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS REVIEWED ON JUNE 8, 2010

FOR REGISTRATION AS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

1. By Approved Degree Plus 8 Years Experience

- a. Granted
 - 1. Aquila, Anthony
 - 2. Damien, Alexander
 - 3. Davis, James B
 - 4. Dickenson, Matthew J
 - 5. Franco, Jose L
 - 6. Henning, Kevin L
 - 7. Kalsbeek, Michael A
 - 8. Obermann, Kenneth L
 - 9. Stutzki, Christian
 - 10. Wendorski, Ronald L
- b. Deny
 - 1. Crumpacker, William
 - 2. Finneran, James M
 - 3. Giddings, James
 - 4. Janke, Thomas J
 - 5. Lurvey, George
 - 6. Melonio, Vincenzo
 - 7. Peterson, Larry
 - 8. Rosenbeck, Steven K
 - 9. Valoe, Joseph D
 - 10. Zuehlke, David R
- c. Intent to Deny
 - 1. Vande Hei, Andrew
 - 2. Menting, Clifford
 - 3. Flatt, William J

2. By 16 Hour Exam (Passed PE and FE Exam)

- a. Granted
 - 1. Namdar Ghanbari, Reza

3. By Comity (Licensed in another state)

- a. Granted
 - 1. Browning, Barry

FOR PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF ENGINEERING EXAMINATION

- a. Granted
 - 1. Abdullah, Taha
 - 2. Behrendt, Chris J
 - 3. Bonell, Ryan D
 - 4. Chang, Patrick C
 - 5. Finn, Patrick R
 - 6. Ghorai, Manisha

7. Hannon, Jeremy P
8. Inegol, Omer
9. Jahncke, Aaron J
10. Kranendonk, Laura
11. Ost, Andre C
12. Rusfeldt, Justin J
13. Sarwar, Muhammad

14. Sauer, Daniel M
15. Shevate, Shreyas S
16. Tehranchi, David
17. Thakkar, Paresh K
18. VanMatre, Damian P
19. Vergou, Georgia
20. Ward, Markham P

b. Denied

1. Hanna, Christine
2. Dix, Keith W
3. Campbell, Mark A

4. Dunnum, Scott
5. Clark, Randall J

FOR CERTIFICATION AS AN ENGINEER-IN-TRAINING

a. Granted

1. Schindel, Kay

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be August 25 with Application Review on August 24.

MOTION: Joseph Eberle moved, seconded by Steven Hook, to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.